National Savings Organization

* 76 Q.—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any order has been issued about the introduction of the Pay Roll Savings Scheme of the National Saving Organization in the State Government offices; and

(*b*) if so, to place a copy on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy[a] of the order G.O. No. 1505, Finance, dated 15th December 1961, is placed on the table.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the Government have received any complaint that compulsion is exercised on Government employees to pay to this savings scheme of the National Savings Organization?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no such information.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question No. 77.

Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Sir, I want to rise on a point of order before the reply to this question is given by the Hon. the Minister for Health. I wish to state that it is not the customary parliamentary practice to ask questions with regard to particular persons in their professional capacity when they are not in a position to answer for themselves. Moreover, I feel that questions 77, 78 and 79 are of such a nature that they are likely to produce in the public mind a state of alarm which may not be justified. On these grounds, I would like to have your considered ruling whether the questions are in order.

Rule 34 of the Council Rules says—

'The Chairman shall decide on the admissibility of a question and shall disallow any question when, in his opinion, it is an abuse of the right of questioning or is in contravention of the rules'.

I submit very modestly, and I mean no reflection on my hon. Friend Dr. Sreenivasan, that this would be considered in Parliament as an abuse of the power of questioning. I think it is very necessary that we established safe and sound principles in this matter. Otherwise, it would be rather difficult for any person not to be chastised in this House when he has no proper means of defending himself. I should like this to be considered at leisure, Sir, if you want. But I am raising this preliminary objection at present.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, I want to give an explanation to the doubts raised by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition. First, the Chairman has got the right of admitting questions. The

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 214–217.

Chairman has rightly admitted these questions. Secondly, the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer my questions. Thirdly, if propriety is to be discussed at all, I quote the precedent which took place only a few weeks ago in the Rajya Sabha when Mr. H. M. Patel was torn to pieces in his absence—he was not present there to defend himself—because he was appointed as the Chairman of the Narmada Valley Corporation. There the person's name was particularized. Here I have not given the names of the doctors involved. I blame only the institution. I have got every right to criticise the work of the institution. Thereby I am not casting any aspersion on the members thereof.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition has raised a very important point. It may be that the Minister is ready to answer the questions, but still, Sir, I would suggest that this point has to be examined. Therefore I would suggest that you might, if you so think, adjourn consideration of this point raised by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and the questions may be held over till then.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: These questions were admitted by the Chairman. The Chairman is not here now. I will postpone these questions (Nos. 77–79) to to-morrow.

Kancheepuram Municipality

* 80 *Q.*—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Kancheepuram Municipality has applied for loan from the Government to cover the administrative expenses; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any provision for the Government to grant such loans?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. There is a provision.

காஞ்சிபுரம் முனிஸிபாலிடி லோனுக்கு அப்ளை செய்தது. லோன் கொடுத்து அதை மறுபடியும் திரும்பக் கொடுத்துவிட்டது.

திரு. ஏ. கே. தங்கவேல் முதலியார்: நிர்வாகச் செலவுக்குக் கடன் கேட்கலாமா என்று கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். அப்படிக் கடன் கொடுக்க ஏதாவது புரொவிஷன் இருக்கிறதா?

கனம் எஸ். எம். ஏ. மஜீத்: நிர்வாகச் செலவில் சில சமயங்களில், வரிகள் வசூல் ஆகாமல் போனால் சங்கடம் ஏற்படும். அப்போது சர்க்காரை அணுகும்போது, கொடுக்கும்படி இருக்கும்.

திரு. ஏ. கே. தங்கவேல் முதலியார்: அந்த மாதிரி ஏதாவது சட்டத்தில் இருக்கிறதா என்று தெரிந்துகொள்ளத்தான் கேட்டேன்.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.